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To the hiring team,

Recommending Jeffery Ferguson — "Phoenix," a friend I've worked with off and on for close to a decade — more regularly since COVID, and especially closely over the last two years, including professional collaboration on cybersecurity engagements.

The clearest example is a WordPress security and forensics audit we ran together in 2025 for a nonprofit client of his, From the Heart Productions. As a team, we identified several critical vulnerabilities in the site's plugin stack, including the likely vector for a prior security incident. Jeffery ran the client relationship and the overall audit process; I handled the technical forensics — a division of labor that matched how each of us actually works best.

What I'd want a hiring team to know: Jeffery takes security work seriously in a way that isn't performative. He asks the right follow-up questions, doesn't let a finding go unexplained just because it's inconvenient, and is straightforward about what he does and doesn't know — which, in this field, matters more than people realize.

Recommended for any role that calls for someone who can move between the technical and client-facing sides of a security engagement.

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